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Highlights

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held on August 14, 1996, at American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members present including all officers except Sergeant-at-Arms **Bob Sundling**, who was on leave. Marine **Steve Weir** was appointed Acting Sergeant-at-Arms.

Visitors included the officers-elect of the Central Bucks Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and Marine Corps recruiters **SSgts. Randy Ertel** and **Patrick Wilkinson**.

Distinguished Marines in attendance included **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Plant**, and **Frank Yoke**; and, **National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth**.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment currently has a strength of 57 members including 14 Life Members, 35 Regular Members and 8 Associate Members. There are eight Delinquent Members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz reported on the "Adopt-A-Highway" clean-up on Aug. 3.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported we had received no significant correspondence.

Paymaster Bob Cody gave his report on our finances. The report was accepted unanimously.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr. reported several members have not submitted their DD-214s for Detachment records. He will be contacting these Marines individually.

Chaplain Budd Pearce reported that Marine **Bob Randle** is still recuperating from his illness and that Marine **David Douglas** is recuperating from cancer surgery.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Weir reported that the Detachment Color Guard will participate in the September 14 ceremony at the American Legion in Willow Grove.

Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. reported he is taking special orders for Locker Box items not already in stock.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1996 AT
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Plans are well underway for our Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Saturday, November 9, in the Pitcairn Club at NAS, Willow Grove. **Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** and his committee members-- **Sr. Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** and **Central Bucks Auxiliary Unit President-Elect Cathe Rosenberger**--have devoted a lot of time and effort to trying to produce a terrific birthday celebration. We anticipate being able to make it a joint celebration with the Auxiliary Unit. The committee has assured us that the cost of this year's ball will NOT be more than last year's cost (and will probably be less) even though the committee has a lot of special things scheduled to make the evening even more special for us.

The Auxiliary Unit has sent in its Charter Application and, hopefully, the Unit will have its officers installed and begin full operation within the next two months. We are attempting to have **Department Auxiliary President Sally Bergman** install the officers. Both the Detachment and the Auxiliary are indebted to the **Caprio family** for the tremendous effort they put forth and the time-consuming legwork they put into making the Auxiliary a reality. Some of us remember several years ago when the effort to establish an auxiliary unit fizzled out almost as soon as it was attempted. A very special tip of the Detachment "cover" to Marine **Paul Caprio, Auxiliary Senior Vice President-Elect Evelyn Caprio** (his wife), and **Auxiliary Junior Vice President-Elect Paula Caprio** (their daughter) for their devotion, dedication and "gung ho" attitudes.

Marine Caprio has also been doing an outstanding job "honcho-ing" our newsletter paid advertising. Any assistance you can give Paul in the way of leads for more advertisers will be greatly appreciated by the Detachment. Our advertisers make it possible to produce the newsletter at no cost to the Detachment. Please remember our advertisers when you're shopping for any of the products or services they offer.

While we're on the subject of "gung ho" attitudes, **Bill Rosenberger** and **Ernie Ortiz** have done a terrific job in straightening out the Detachment Supply Center. In addition to their regular duties as Detachment Officers, they have devoted untold hours to sorting and cleaning the 30 tons of military equipment the Detachment recently acquired. The result of this Herculean effort is being enjoyed by a large portion of Philadelphia Metropolitan area homeless veterans. The clothing and equipment was donated by the Detachment to them as part of our participation in "Standdown '96," the annual three-day event which feeds, clothes, houses, counsels, and provides medical attention to these veterans. We cannot say enough about **Past Commandant Bill Plant** either in this undertaking. Bill voluntarily spent several days picking the stuff up from its location in New Jersey and transporting it to his home where he established our Detachment Supply Center. His service was far above and beyond the call of duty.

Enough for now. More stuff next month.

Semper Fi,

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIRTHDAY BALL — Committee Chair **Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** reported the Birthday Ball will be held November 9 at the Pitcairn Club ("E" Club) at NAS, Willow Grove. At present, plans include offering a choice of entrees, preparing a wine list, reserving a DJ, and having a bagpiper participate.

NEWSLETTER — The deadline for submitting items, articles, photos, cartoons, stories, etc, is the 25th of the month. Anything received by the editor after that date will be considered "real early" for the next issue.

POW/MIA — Committee Chair **Bill Plant**, PC, reported on confirmed newspaper stories claiming POWs were used as human guinea pigs by Russian and Czech doctors conducting experiments to determine the "breaking point" of humans.

VAVS — The Detachment logged 49 volunteer hours since the last meeting. "Operation: STANDDOWN '96" will take place at Lighthouse Field in Philadelphia from Sept. 6-8. Detachment members **Bill Plant, Wil Haas, and Bill Rosenberger** are among those scheduled to participate in the three-day program which feeds, clothes, houses, and provides treatment and counseling to homeless veterans in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. The Detachment received a "Thank You" letter from the Philadelphia VA Medical Center for the donation of paperback books and puzzles to the hospitalized veterans.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS — Committee Chair **Paul Caprio** reported three new ads have been received since the July meeting. More advertisers are needed to make the newsletter self-sustaining. Contact Paul Caprio for Ad Forms.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM — The Department Rifle Match is slated for Sept. 27-29 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Two more Detachment members have joined the CB team making it possible for us to field an "A" and a "B" team this year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FLEA MARKET — Committee Chair **Paul Caprio** reported that we have only three vendors for the Flea Market to be held at John Knoell's Frame Factory on Aug. 31. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee is \$10 per table (bring your own table). Caprio also reported that it has been decided that we must have a minimum of 10 vendors to make the Flea Market feasible. Failing that mark, the Flea Market will be cancelled for this year.

FAMILY PICNIC — Committee Chair **Budd Pearce**, PC, reported plans were nearly complete for the Family Picnic slated for Sept. 7 from noon until 4 p.m. at Marine **Herb Krout's** house on Pickertown Rd. Marine **Mike Waldron** moved to hold the Family Picnic next year after the Memorial Day Parade instead of this Sept. 7. Motion seconded by **Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr.** Motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No unfinished Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Past Commandant Frank Yohe presented the Detachment a set of white leather slings for the Detachment Color Guard and a table-top sculpture of the Flag-Raising on Iwo Jima.

Sr. Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger moved the Detachment hold a one-day fund raiser at several local State Stores on the Labor Day weekend. **Past Commandant Bill Plant** seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion was defeated.

Paymaster Bob Cody asked the annual audit of the Paymaster's Records be accomplished in the near future. The Commandant appointed **Chaplain Budd Pearce**, PC, to chair the Audit Committee and appointed **Past Commandants Bill Plant** and **Don Parzanese Sr.** to serve as Committee Members. The Committee will meet with the Paymaster at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Atkinson American Legion Post.

The Detachment was contacted by the American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post seeking support and donations for an enclosure to cover the World War I Monument at the Bucks County Courthouse in Doylestown. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried not to support this effort.

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The Detachment received a letter thanking the Color Guard for its recent participation in the Special Olympics in Colledgeville.

There will be a Southeastern Division Staff Meeting on Sept. 7 at the Hugh B. Eastburn III Detachment in Bristol. At present, the Detachment is committed to serving at STANDDOWN on that date. The Commandant is seeking volunteers to represent the Detachment at the Staff Meeting. Contact him at 822-6723 if you can attend this meeting.

The Commandant gave a very brief report on National Convention activities. More information about the Convention will be provided as it is received from the National and Departmental organizations.

The Detachment applauded the efforts of **Sr. Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** and **Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** for sorting and cleaning most of the 30 tons of material and equipment the Detachment has stored at Past Commandant Bill Plant's house. Bill Plant voluntarily retrieved the gear from its location in New Jersey where it had been previously stored. The Detachment also applauded his single-handed effort. The clothing and selected equipment will be donated by the Detachment to homeless veterans at STANDDOWN.

Past Commandant Bill Plant was appointed the Detachment's Liaison Officer to the Young Marines.

Staff Sergeants **Randy Ertel** and **Patrick Wilkinson** addressed the Detachment on the new training syllabus at Parris Island and how the recruiters prepare their "poolees" for the rigors of "Boot Camp."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Sept. 11, 1996.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who was the only Marine officer to ever surrender a Marine regiment?
2. Who was the first naval aviator?
3. Who was the first Director of Women Marines?
4. Who was the first Marine four-star General?
5. How many Marines were killed in the barracks at the Beirut International Airport in October 1983?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The MK1 illuminating hand grenade has a candlepower of 55,000.
2. Upon a nuclear explosion without warning, a Marine should drop flat on his/her stomach with his/her head toward the explosion, close his/her eyes, place his/her hands under his/her body with his/her head down.
3. Camp Pendleton, CA, is the largest Marine amphibious training base.
4. The "Marine's Hymn" is the oldest of the official songs of the Armed Forces.
5. LtCol. Robert W. Huntington commanded the first Marines to land at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SORTING GEAR AT 'SUPPLY POINT PLANT'

Bill Plant, PC, Jr. Vice Ernie Ortiz and **Sr. Vice Bill Rosengerger** sorting clothing and equipment at Plant's home.



Gen. Mundy Joins USO

Retired **Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr.**, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, is the new president and chief executive officer of the USO.

The USO headquarters is in Washington, DC, and it has more than 170 centers around the world. The organization provides programs to help service members cope with being away from home. The USO board of governors elected Mundy to the paid position.

He will continue to serve on boards of directors of the Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Corp.; the NationsFund family of mutual funds; the Marine Corps Command and Staff Foundation; the Fisher House Foundation; the board of advisors to the board of visitors of The Citadel; and the board of advisors to the board of directors of the Navy League of the United States.

OSPREYS TESTED IN EXERCISE

Two developmental versions of the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft took part in a Marine Corps exercise recently at Camp Lejeune, NC, to demonstrate the aircraft's capabilities to foreign military leaders, Marine and defense industry sources said.

Two V-22's flew more than three hours from their testing facility at Patuxent River, MD, to North Carolina, where they engaged in low-level flying at speeds of 200 knots, converted to helicopter mode and landed for inspection, Marine sources said.

Attending the exercise were Marine Corps commandants from Great Britain, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal.

Freelofer's Last Request

Once upon a time there was a veteran who never joined any organizations. All his life he took benefits and entitlements won for him by veterans' service organizations. He had a 10-point preference; a G.I. Home Loan; had gone to school on the G.I. Bill; got a job through veterans employment, among other things; but, he refused to join.

On his death bed he told his wife, "Please do something for me—I want to be buried in a National Cemetery, have a military marker and I want a veterans organization to provide an Honor Guard to be my pallbearers." But, you never belonged to any veterans organizations," she said, "why do you want them for pallbearers?"

"Dear," he replied, "they've carried me this far, they might as well carry me the rest of the way."

(Taken from SCUTTLEBUTT, newsletter of the AGC Flagship Alliance)

BOSNIA ON LINE

News, Web links and useful background on Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR are in Military City Online's Bosnia Deployment Research Center. To get there, use keyword: MCOBosnia. For a free MCO start-up disk, call 1-800-677-4419.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I understand that **Bob Randle** is still in the hurt locker. The infection he got from the poison ivy did some nasty things to him. I have been meaning to get down to see him, but haven't gotten there yet. I will see Bob before the next meeting and will have a more complete report on his progress at that time.

Last month, I said we were going to hold our first annual picnic on Sept. 7. Well, belay that! The Detachment members voted at the August meeting to wait and hold the picnic after the Memorial Day Parade. The location will still be **Herb Krout's**, but this will give us much more time to arrange everything.

Clinton Approves Awarding of Bronze 'M' Device to Reservists

A decoration established in 1933 to honor reservists who go on active duty in support of a military operation can now be authorized and worn.

President Bill Clinton signed an Executive Order Aug. 8 authorizing the award of the bronze "M" mobilization device to U.S. reserve component members who have "performed qualifying active-duty service in support of a designated contingency operation on or after Aug. 1, 1990," according to Pentagon officials.

"This device recognizes the sacrifice of our National Guard and Reserve people who are mobilized as part of the Total Force," said **Defense Secretary William J. Perry**.

According to the Executive Order, the "M" decoration will be worn on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

A ceremony is being planned to recognize "a representative group of reserve component members" by awarding them the medal, a Pentagon spokesman said.

Those now eligible for the award are nearly 3,000 National Guard and Reserve members who participated in one of the designated operations.

The operations include the Persian Gulf War, Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti), and Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia), said Pentagon officials.

The device also will be worn with existing bronze, silver and gold hourglass devices designating 10, 20 and 30 years of reserve service.

The "M" can also be worn in conjunction with an Arabic numeral indicating the number of times it has been awarded to a member.

The "M" device was established three years ago.

'BENNIES' BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM G.P.O.

One of the federal government's all-time best-selling publications, **Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents**, has been updated for 1996 and is now available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Published by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the 98-page handbook describes federal benefits for veterans and dependents such as medical care, education, disability compensation, pension, life insurance, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation, and burial assistance. It also explains eligibility requirements for the different benefits and outlines claim procedures.

Addresses and phone numbers—including the number to reach the nearest benefits counselor: 1-800-827-100—of all VA offices, medical centers, national cemeteries, Vietnam veteran counseling centers, and other VA facilities are listed by state.

The handbook, which sells for \$3.25, also includes the latest information on benefits for Persian Gulf veterans, homeless veterans and women veterans and contains special sections on veterans benefits administered by other departments including Defense and Labor.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents ranks third in total sales of publications by the U.S. Government Printing Office. Including the 1995 edition, more than 2,800,000 copies had been sold through January.

The handbook is available postpaid from the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-7954. The G.P.O. stock number for the booklet is 051-000-00209-1 and can be purchased by check or credit card. To order with your VISA or MasterCard, call (202) 512-1800. It is also available on VA's Home Page at the World Wide Web server address: <http://www.va.gov>. VA also has a toll-free computer bulletin board called VA ONLINE, which can be reached at 1-800-USA-VETS (1-800-872-8387).

The SENIOR VICE Says

"Just a reminder to 'Recruit and Renew.' So here's the list as to who is due."

Charles J. Wilson Jr.

September

Marc J. Berger

Maryann Scarpill

August

Paul Caprio

Clifton H. Hamilton III

James G. Herbst

William C.H. Rosenberger III (Hey! That's me!)

Charles J. Wilson

P.S. The Rifle Team is ready for the Department Rifle Match this month. We have two new members—**Ed Hoth** and **Charlie Wurst**. We are redy to go and I wish everyone "Good Luck!"

MONTHLY STAFF MEETING CANCELLED



ON THE FIRING LINE--Detachment Rifle Team Captain (Senior Vice Commandant) Bill Rosenberger (left), National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth (center) and Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz honed their skills during a recent practice session in preparation for this month's Department of Pennsylvania Service Rifle Match. (Photo by JOE HAZEN)

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